417th Base Support Battalion

SAFETY BULLETIN

MOWING SAFETY

BEFORE MOWING

- Read the mower instruction book before using your mower.
- Put on close-fitting clothes; sturdy, full-toes, non-slip shoes; eye and hearing protection.
 - Add fuel and wipe spills before starting the mower.
- Always pour gasoline outdoors, and store it away from flames, sparks, or other ignition sources.
 - Keep the gasoline in a UL or GS approved safety container.
 - Adjust cutting height before starting.
 - Make sure you know where any hard, solid obstacles might be hidden in the grass.
- Go over the lawn carefully to pick up stones, wire, toys or anything the mower might pick up

and throw.

- If the lawn is wet wait!
- If your electrical mover isn't labeled "double insulated", plug it only into a grounded (3-prong)

outlet.

WHILE MOWING

- Always start outdoor, near the lawn you're going to mow.
- Never run mower over gravel, stones, or hard, immovable objects, like rocks or sidewalk edges.
 - Stay clear of the blade housing edge and the discharge chute.
 - Keep electrical mower cord out of the cutting path.
 - Turn off the mower if you leave it EVEN IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT.

AND BE SURE TO

- never put any part of your body underneath the lawn mower
- always push the lawn mower, never walk backwards
- disconnect spark plug or power cord before working on our mower, like cleaning or repairing
 - have safety devices in their proper position
 - ensure motor is cool before adding fuel.
 - treat gasoline like the high explosive it really is.
 - keep the power cord of an electrical mower in near-new condition.
- let an expert look your mower over the leaks, electrical shorts, blade condition and balance.